

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, relative to the marital contract between one man and one woman.

WHEREAS, the One Hundred Third General Assembly considered and passed House Joint Resolution 990 which proposed an amendment to Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee relative to the marital contract between one man and one woman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

SECTION __. The historical institution and legal contract solemnizing the relationship of one man and one woman shall be the only legally recognized marital contract in this state. Any policy or law or judicial interpretation, purporting to define marriage as anything other than the historical institution and legal contract between one man and one woman, is contrary to the public policy of this state and shall be void and unenforceable in Tennessee. If another state or foreign jurisdiction issues a license for persons to marry and if such marriage is prohibited in this state by the provisions of this section, then the marriage shall be void and unenforceable in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment shall be submitted to the people at the next general election in which a Governor is to be chosen, the same

being the 2006 November general election and the Secretary of State is directed to place such amendment on the ballot for that election.